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Graduation Shortened to two Days

FRIDAY 31 MAY

- 3:00 p.m. Jr. Roller Rifle Drill Exhibition
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- 4:30 Sponsors and Graduates Parade
- 5:00 Reception on Library Lawn for parents, alumni, faculty and members of the graduating class
- 8:30 Literary Society and Awards

SATURDAY 1 JUNE

- 10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Service at Old Stone Church
- 11:30 Closing exercises
- 12:30 Final Formation in front of Barracks, "Auld Lang Syne" by Band

Close to the heart of every senior is graduation, and today's senior is no exception. Even if his graduation schedule has changed, he is as anxious as his predecessors.

Checking into the history of graduation here, it was discovered that until as recently as 1969, AMA had five days dedicated to the graduation exercises. Finals would begin on a Friday and end the following Tuesday with the final formation. During these five days there were four parades, two dances, two Roller Rifle exhibitions, guard mounting, Butt's manuals (Cadets doing calisthenics to cadence and to music), a concert given by the Band, and other activities.

Since road conditions and individual transportation left much to be desired, these activities were really a type of vacation for the parents. However, with the advancements in travel that are now available, many parents were able to come more often. Now Parents Days have many of the activities which originally happened during graduation.

Changing in 1969, a three day graduation was thought to be ideal until an energy crisis appeared and caused many problems. Not the least of which was the closing of service stations on Sundays.

Due to this situation, Col. M. H. Livick, Jr. changed to a two day graduation which still manages to fit in all the events with the exception of the final ball. However, even this tradition will not be lost for Mrs. M. H. Livick, Jr. and the Cotillion Club have come to the rescue and decided to hold a formal dance on Parents Weekend honoring the senior and his date.

Alumni News

Infirmary becomes reality

In anticipation of Alumni Weekend, Executive Secretary Captain Ernest James, spent several months preparing for the event. And what an event it turned out to be!

Initiating a new procedure at the annual meeting, all 1974 seniors were officially inducted into the Alumni Association in recognition of their impending graduation. At the meeting the officers were re-elected for another term with Seymour Wilks continuing as president and backed by John Young, vice-president; Dave Conrad, secretary; and Sam Wales, treasurer.

Highlight of the weekend, however, was the breaking of ground for the new infirmary. Hope had turned to reality as the Alumni Association reached the point which allowed construction to begin immediately. Completion is expected before the opening of the 1974-75 session.

Also coming to light were several donations to Augusta. Elliott Ridge of Hillsville, Va. has donated carpeting to cover the Business Offices and coaches' offices.

Happiest announcement for the corps was the news that a replacement for the Blue Bomb was on its way. The bus had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Long and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Long of State College, Pennsylvania. Fortunately the Blue Bomb II arrived early enough on Friday for a close inspection by cadets.

Rounding out the activities was a buffet and dance at Holiday Inn followed Sunday morning by an inspection of barracks and a continental breakfast served in the Mess Hall.



Handing the shovel to Mrs. Mollie Canavet is Seymour Wilks as they participated in the ground breaking for the new infirmary.

Getting together with Col. and Mrs. M. H. Livick, Jr. after the infirmary ground breaking were Mr. V. P. Leavel, architect, (left) and Mr. Mickey Gordon, chairman of the Alumni Association Building Fund (right).



Looking over Blue Bomb II are the donors, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Long and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Long. An alumni of Augusta, Mr. Paul Long realized the enthusiasm of the corps for the new bus.

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Love and the AMA Cadet

by Paul Cartwright

| | | Overall | Senior | Junior | Sophomore | Freshman |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Do you date while at AMA (Yes) | | 44% | 41% | 60% | 40% | 24% |
| If yes, do you date at | a) Stuart Hall | 44 | 37 | 52 | 40 | 50 |
| | b) Fairfax Hall | 8 | 0 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| | c) local | 48 | 63 | 33 | 50 | 50 |
| Are you (no matter where you date) | a) engaged | 5 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| | b) going steady | 25 | 35 | 17 | 24 | 18 |
| | c) playing the field | 63 | 54 | 74 | 64 | 59 |
| | d) no response | 7 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 23 |
| Do you date (while at school) | a) once a week | 15 | 19 | 14 | 16 | 6 |
| | b) twice a month | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | c) with no regularity | 39 | 34 | 60 | 24 | 30 |
| | d) only on vacation | 34 | 39 | 14 | 52 | 35 |
| | e) not at all | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| | f) no response | 8 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 23 |
| If you are not dating why— | a) uninterested | 8 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 0 |
| | b) afraid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | c) no way to meet girls | 16 | 6 | 8 | 40 | 23 |
| | d) sports | 8 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 17 |
| | e) other | 39 | 50 | 42 | 20 | 30 |
| | f) no response | 29 | 22 | 28 | 33 | 30 |



In a world of their own are Angela Clay and Pompei "Wop" DiFranco as they enjoy spring-time in the Valley.

Girls. Here? There? Anywhere? These questions and others were put to cadets in grades 9-12 in a survey of dating habits AMA's share of the American teenager.

First amazed that only 44% of those responding admitted to dating while at Augusta, the researchers were even more amazed that 48% of those dating, date local girls instead ladies from Stuart Hall or Fairfax Hall.

Perhaps one of the cadets who dates a "local" (and wishes to remain anonymous) has the answer. "I have several reasons for dating a local girl (in contrast to a Stuart Haller whom I have also dated). First a local isn't as stuck up as the girls from the Hall. Also, you don't have chaperones checking on you every fifteen minutes. Thirdly, you can have more privacy with them, especially if their parents like you. Lastly local girls are not as strong advocates of woman's lib as are many from the Hall. A local has the intelligence to realize that the woman's place is in the home carrying out the wishes of the obviously supreme male."

Despite the enticements of the local girls, some cadets have valiantly hung in there and date Stuart Hall. One cadet (again wishing to remain anonymous) who was fortunate enough to find the right woman said, "There are several reasons for dating a Hall girl. The most obvious is that the girls do not attend classes with guys and they aren't as selective as the local girls. Secondly, you don't have the hassles of parents around to check if you are "good enough" to date their daughter. You don't have to fight against the stereotype when you attempt to date, and then it is easier to meet them and line up dates. Besides, the average cadet has more in common with the Hall girl than a local."

Obviously winning the battle between the fair sex for the hearts of the cadet is the girl back home who is waiting patiently (and sometimes writing) for her man to come marching home. The memories of these girls are enough to keep 56% in their rooms over the weekend. To keep and maintain the hearts of these boys, the home town girls must have something special that two all girls' schools, two colleges (one all girl) and numerous high schools in the area do not have.

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Sgt. Barger Promoted

SFC Donald Barger, USA, presently serving with the Junior ROTC program was promoted on 27 April, 1974 to the rank of Master Sergeant. Sgt. Barger has been at Augusta since 1970.



Founders Day, May 8, found the corps marching to the Old Stone Church Graveyard as the cadets honored the founders of Augusta, Charles S. Roller, Charles S. Roller, Jr. and Thomas Roller.

Zebra Club Grows in Popularity

by Michael Arrington and David Tatum



Slamming a base hit is Terry Murphy as the lower school plays a pick up game. Backed by Gary Boley, Danny Smith and Robbie Williams, the team proved to be good competition for the pitching of Tracy Carson and friends.



Having a good time, Jay Dickinson enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt for the fifth grade.

Preparing for the Easter Egg hunt, F Co. Captain Miguel Perez finds a good hiding place. Other eggs were not hidden as well and one was quickly found by Steve Schweitzer (lower right).

Creek Tag, AMA's variety of everyone's childhood sport, is a favorite when no one is looking. To avoid falling into the creek in Lilly Valley is the object and the unfortunate one to land in the creek is "it."

Everyone's favorite, Drill, brings smiles to all members of the lower school. Competing on an even basis with members of Big Barracks, F Company makes up in spirit for that which is lost in ability. After dinner, time is spent drilling the Junior Roller Rifles for their infrequent exhibitions. Seeing this as an opportunity to gain prestige in the eyes of their peers, the boys eagerly contest the openings on the drill team.

Though sports and free time activities may be the most talked about, more time is spent in the classroom. Through the efforts of Col. Herbert Lucas, Major B. G. Hancock, Lt. Ray Wehner, and Mrs. M. H. Livick, Jr., constant challenges are presented to the cadets of the lower school. Included among the educational activities are hikes to various part of the grounds, field trips, and most recently an Easter egg hunt for the fourth and fifth grade students.

Ever hear of the Zebra Club? You can bet your bottom dollar that the members in good standing know because they were caught smoking or breaking some other major rule. After a trip with Captain Ernest James, a certain part of the body resembles that of a zebra.

This, however, is only one aspect of F Company, Junior School, or a host of other names by which it goes. Life for boys in grades 4-7 differ in many ways from the grown up world of Big Barracks.

Responsible for discipline in F Company is Captain James and through his efforts many modifications in the penalty system have been introduced. Each individual case is handled by him whether it involves demerits, tours, or a trip to the sinks.

Demerits have proven to be effective. A demerit can be gained for a variety of minor offenses. The accumulation of fifteen demerits in one marking period makes an automatic three tours. Each demerit after the fifteenth also brings the offender tours.

However, by the earning of merits, demerits can be erased. Merits are given not when a cadet does as he should, but only when he does work beyond what is expected of him. Because of this, the gaining of merits can influence promotions in rank.

When not medicating his sins, a cadet can be found participating in a wide range of activities. Many of the bigger boys can be found trailing after the junior varsity teams in hopes of being able to be part of the action in a year or two.

Starting games of their own, the smaller cadets prove that they too can excel. Playing baseball or lacrosse with company officers brings on the competitive spirit as the officers are usually defeated by the eager youngsters.

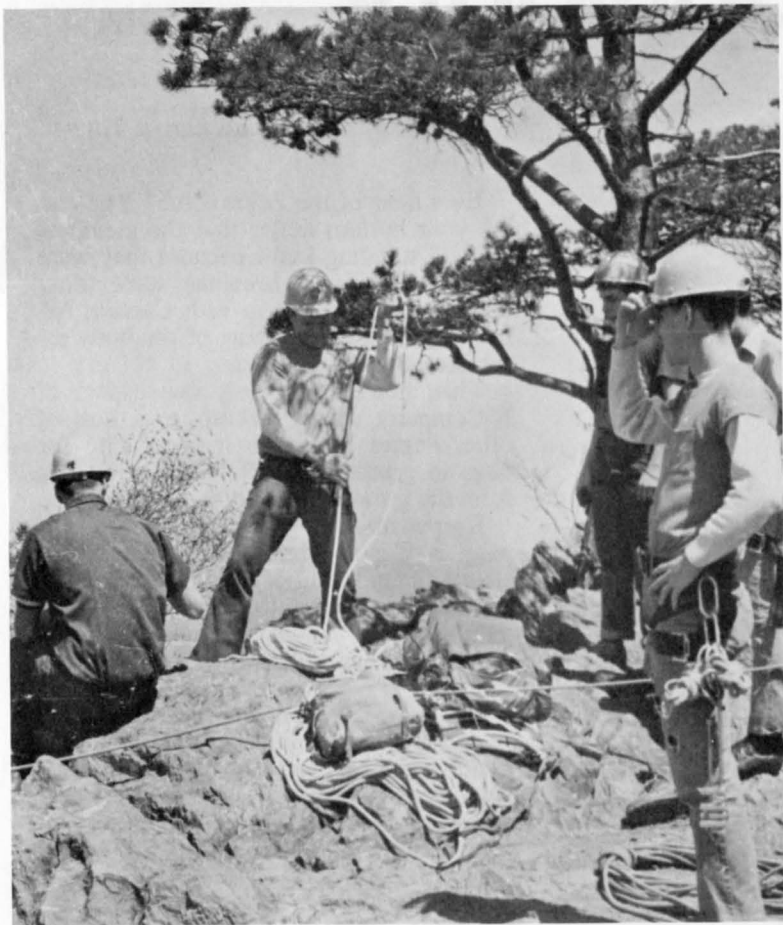


Studying at night in the Military Department or grades 4-6 and in the Big Room for grade 7, the boys receive constant supervision and assistance. Studying in one's room is a privilege reserved for those who maintain an Honor Roll average, as have Al Hodges and Mike Damjan.

As seen from the eyes of the sixty cadets in F Company, the lower school may not be home, but each admits that the officers are making an effort to make life away from his family as bearable as possible.

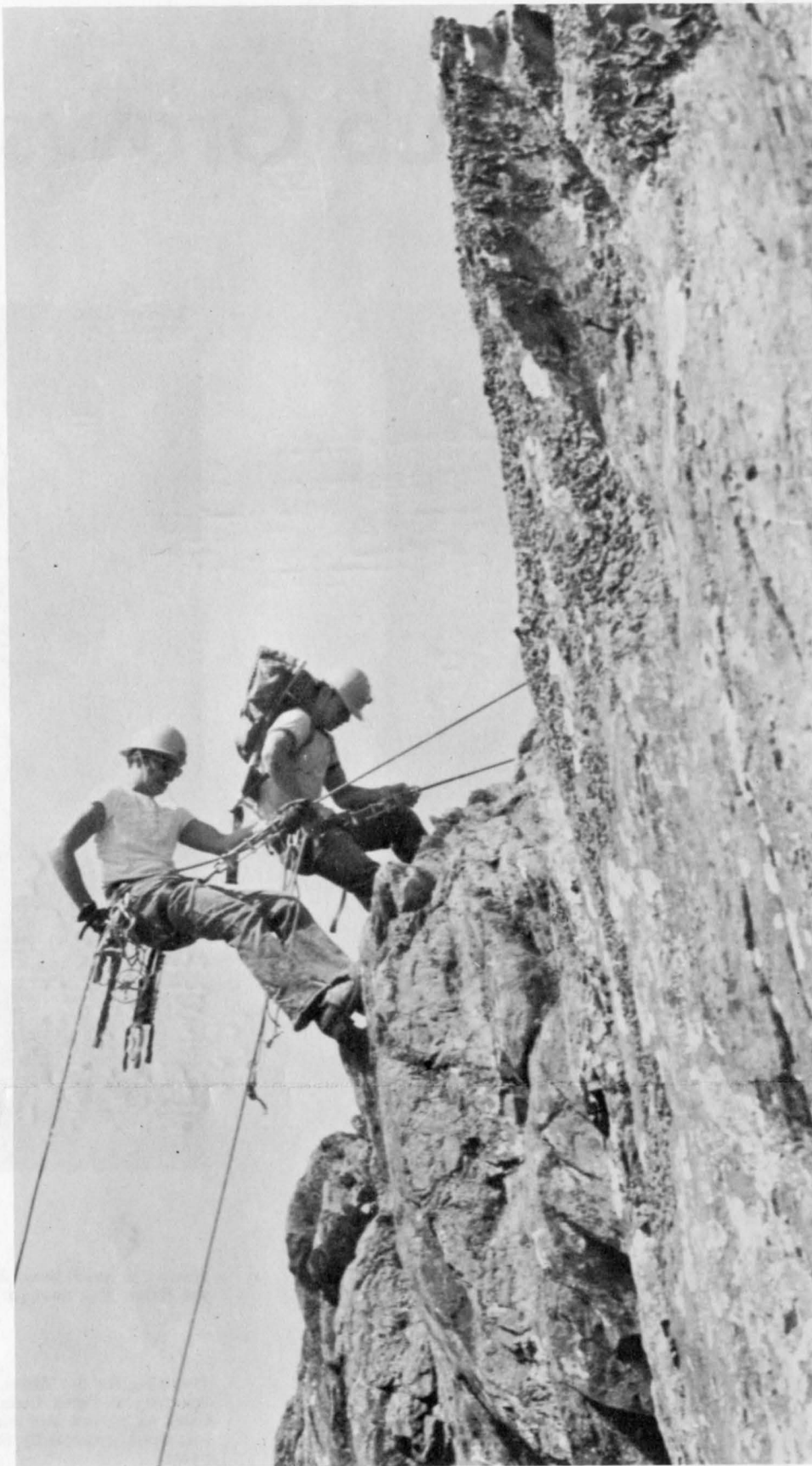
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Popularity

Instructing his followers in the art of repelling, Lt. Bruce Smith has the attention of cadets Larry London and Ed Long. Looking on from afar is Lt. Smith's son, Mark, already an avid repeller.



That next step a big one. Well aware of this is Danny Iacone as he works his way down while watched from above by Cory Chapman. This outing on the Blue Ridge Mountains was followed several weeks later by a trip to Seneca Rocks in West Virginia.

Scaling a portion of the Blue Ridge Mountains, John Vintila and Randy Iacone joined the newest activity at Augusta, repelling.

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Fastest game on foot

Varsity

by Kurt Einbrod

Usually called the fastest game on foot, lacrosse is played on a field 110 yards long and 40 yards wide by 10 men.

Infrequently played by teams beneath the college level, lacrosse is a major part of the spring sports schedule. Coached by Col. David Rapp and Sgt. Joe Josephson, the team has been practicing since early February.

Co-captained by Larry Nicholson and Ed Dixon, the team has put much effort into the early games of the season. Andy Bell, Larry Nicholson, and Pompei "Wop" DiFranco have been outstanding in their roles as midfielders. Doing most of the running and carrying of the ball, the midfielders require much stamina. Seeing much action as replacements in this area are Web Fisher, Tom White and Mike Bruder.

Credit also should be given to goalie David Bacon for his defensive moves.

Though the team's record at this point may not show a winning season, much enthusiasm exists among the team members and there are prospects for a good season.

Junior Varsity

by Paul Cartwright

Starting off the season of JV lacrosse with a record of one win and one loss, Larry Debnar predicts a fair season.

Keeping the team's spirit up and practices full is mainly due to Col. Paul Hoover's dedication and frequent threats. One major problem the team has to contend with is the old AMA springtime disease, apathy.

"If the corps weren't so apathetic, we'd have a better team and season. People would rather go to the backfield than go to practice." Acting as a spokesman for the team, Larry Debnar predicted that the season would only be a fair one because of lack of interest. The team possesses such outstanding players as Steve Brodsky, Corey Koenig, Paul Del Castillo and Mark and Melvin Campbell on offense. While defensively John Tyminski, Hugo Roman, Mike Allman stand out along with Bob Jones, the goalie.

Larry also had a great deal of praise for "the Col." who started lacrosse at AMA. When asked about the most feared game, he said, "Woodberry, they've always been the toughest."



Giving a few pointers to Mike Allman (35), Col. Paul Hoover motivated the junior varsity lacrosse team to have each cadet work up to his potential.

Potential existed, But...

by Martin Davis

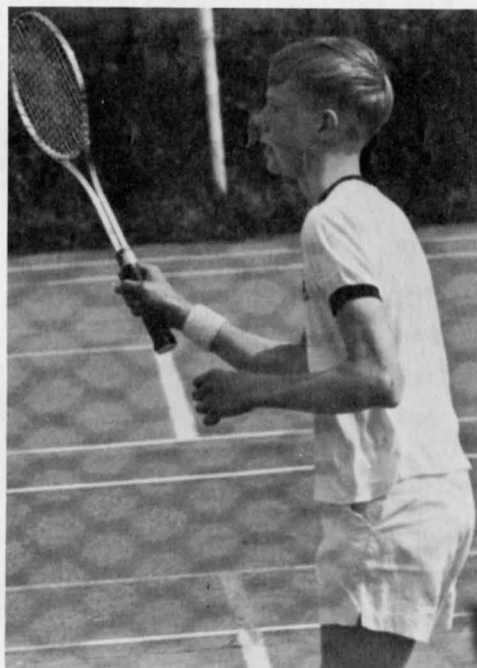
Potential isn't worth much until it's realized. And potential was one thing of which the tennis team had plenty. Despite criticism and low comments by cadets, less than adequate courts, and and 0-8 records; the tennis team still came out ahead in many ways.

Captain David Trimble, team coach, persisted even when the team was down by a heavy margin. Assisted by Lt. Ken Pfeifer, he did his best to create a team the school would be proud of.

Even in the eyes of defeat, the team never gave up. And knowing this was Capt. Trimble's last season, enthusiasm in trying to give him a season he would remember was constant.

With five players returning from last year, he managed to put together a team that never quit and gave its competition a hard time. Completing the team were Chris Bodine, Marty Davis, Mike Martins, Felix Montes, Howard Peterson, John Smith and Alvaro Zayas.

All the players, going against stiffer competition, gave their best and deserve credit for this effort given.



Poised for action, Marty Davis keeps watch on his opponent. Continually alert, Marty proved to be one of the strong links on the unsuccessful tennis team.

Strike Three

by George Mineff

No coach, no field, no supporters, late start. In spite of all this, baseball tradition has been continued by an unexperienced but enthusiastic team.

With no faculty officer available for coaching, cadet Randy Matheson began leading practices with a group of cadets who evolved into a team. Starting late because of winter sports and delayed during the search for a coach, the team has put much vigor into the daily afternoon practices. As Randy said, "It's a young spirited team which shows the desire . . . the desire to win."

Along with no coach came a playing field which was in process of being repaired. As a result all games will be played on the opponent's home field. To provide faculty coverage, Lt. Ray Wehner agreed to accompany the team and act as sponsor.

Standouts with Matheson included Jim Mitchell, a pitcher, and Miguel Perez, who is a starting centerfielder and a catcher.

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Seniors plan ahead

Where do I go from here? What am I going to do with my life? What can I do that is worthwhile? These and many other questions are being asked by today's seniors. And Augusta's seniors are asking these same questions to which many have given such thought. While many plan to attend college, an increasing number of alternatives are being presented by graduating cadets.

Seeing the world and broadening one's outlook is the goal of some. **Mike Allman** plans to stop off to visit his parents in Germany as he tours Europe. **Mike Martens** is going home to Taiwan before continuing his education in the U.S. **Lars Steib** has planned to visit Africa for relaxation and education.

Many budding young businessmen are to be found in the 1974 corps. Part owner of Elk-Cart, Inc., an ice cream vending concern, **Paul Cartwright** will help build the business before attending New Mexico State University. **John Roberts** will be spending many hours preparing for the opening of the day care school which he and his parents will open in the fall. Stauntonites **Richard** and **Calvin Woodson** plan to operate their already successful window washing operation before continuing their education. **Michael Bruder** and **Hayes Dickinson** will be working in their parents' businesses of furniture making and auto sales respectively.

Eager to serve their country, **Tom Kennedy** and **John Vintila** are entering the Navy while **Cory Chapman** and **Web Fisher** are joining the Army. After resting for two months, **David Bacon** and **Andy Bell** will join the Special Forces of the U.S. Army late in July.

Those who have found that special girl

and are ready to settle down include **Pompei "Wop" DiFranco**, **Ed Dixon**, **Yogi Hale**, **Tom Peifer**, and **Alberto Sotomayor**.

Popular to graduates **Mark** and **Melvin Campbell**, **Richard McCaffrey**, **Mark Spigle**, and **Larry Malnati** as summer employment is the construction business. Basketball stars both, **Dennis Threlkeld** and **Spencer Williams** plan to become involved in summer basketball clinics in their respective hometowns. **Paul DelCastillo** will be employed at JFK International Airport before returning south for college.

Working as a bartender, **Paul Terko** plans to spend the summer in northern Wisconsin. Also seeking employment as a bartender is **Bill Mengis**. **Charles Reeser** will be working on a shrimp trawler on Maryland's Eastern Shore while **Howard Peterson** will be found working in a pet store in Northern Virginia. **Charles Asa** expects to gain spending money as a window washer. **Randy Matheson** will be a truck driver for the summer and then enter The Citadel.

Moving furniture is **Steve Brodsky's** means of support until he enters college. **David Saslaw** will be a bellhop until entering Washington College (Md.). Employed for the summer by Hot Shoppe, **Kurt Einbrod** will enter Northeast Missouri State College.

Larry Nicholson plans to see America first as he will work in a state park in Montana this summer before attending college in South Carolina. To walk the Appalachian Trail is **Dwight Nitz's** plan for the summer.

Among cadets either not graduating until August or have no definite plans are **Larry Debnar**, **Frank Geddie**, **Sam Harris**, **Bob Jones**, **Corey Koenig**, **John Morris**, **Mike Radar**, and **Phil Reece**.